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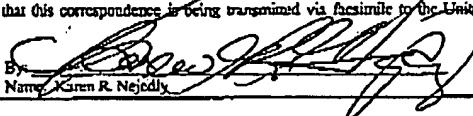
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated October 6, 2004 and the Advisory Action mailed April 29, 2005, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.